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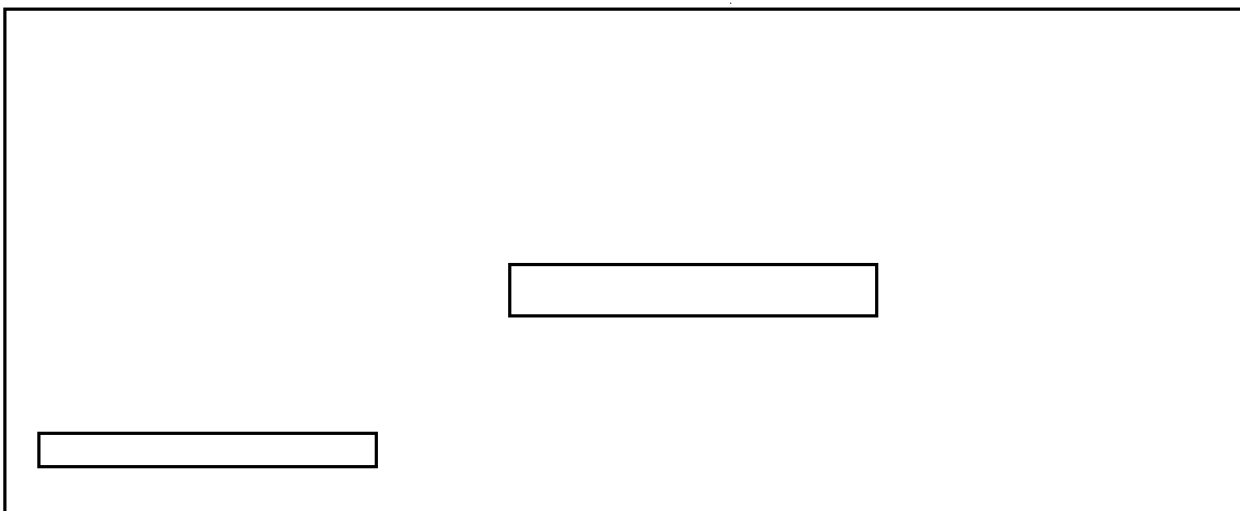
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Developments and Significant Changes in Estimates:



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2. The Guided Missile Branch is preparing a briefing for the Chairman, OMIC, for presentation to the CCPC and possibly the NSC. The paper will analyze in some detail the major problems affecting the collection of intelligence on Soviet production of guided missiles.



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Relationships with Other Components:

6. The Agency has had considerable difficulty in getting from AFCIN certain reports and photographs affecting Soviet aircraft

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production estimates. AFCIN has also refused to release to the Aircraft Branch any preliminary estimates of the dimensions other than length and span on the Boulder (new Soviet aircraft [redacted])

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9. At the request of another Agency, a branch of key importance in our efforts to locate Soviet guided missiles production facilities was briefed on the responsibilities, analytical techniques, and principal requirements of the Guided Missile Branch. A member of the Guided Missile Division, OSI, presented a brief statement on his component to the same group.

10. In coordination with OSI and OCI, the Shipbuilding Branch has drafted a report on the current situation of Soviet submarine development and production. The objective of this paper is to force ONI to consolidate a US position on this subject [redacted]

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[redacted] In connection with this, branch representatives attended an ONI meeting on the subject; the tentative conclusions reached at this meeting are not in line with the opinions of CIA.

11. In connection with the opinion expressed in last month's report that AFCIN was becoming more interested in military costing, the Military Economics Branch prepared a support paper (S-365),

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17. It is anticipated that an invitation will be extended to one or more members of the Guided Missile Branch to attend a two-day orientation program on the entire Jupiter missile system. This program will be presented at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, in the latter part of October.



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